

685th

Meeting

1:00 p.m.

November 14, 2013

1. Chairman Nash, called the meeting of the Building Code Standards Committee called to order at 1:11 p.m.

2. Public Hearing: None at this time

3. Appeals: None at this time

4. A motion was made to approve October 10, 2013 meeting minutes by Mr. Stillings and seconded by Mr. Newbrook. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mr. Leyden would like to introduce the Property and Maintenance and Housing Sub-Committee. This Committee will

be hearing it's first case this afternoon. Our Chairman is Wayne Pimental, three members that were appointed by the Governor are Dave Tacey, Ben Nascenzi, and Gary Tedschi, and Stan Pikul. We have different locations throughout the state represented, Johnston, North Kingstown, Cranston and West Greenwich. Members from the Building Code Standards Committee are Bernard Bernard, Michael Newman, Gordan Priess, Robert DeBlois and again as mentioned Wayne Pimental.

The Nomination Sub-Committee also has met and Mr. DeBlois recommends Mr.

Bernard as Chair, Mr. Newman as Vice Chair, and the Executive Committee members Mr. Fink, Mrs. Aschman and Mr. DePace. A motion was made to except by Mr. Daily and seconded by Mr. Pimental. Motion passes.

This new executive Board will take over next month at our December meeting.

7. LEGISLATION: A Sub-Committee should be set up to meet and put together some items that we may like to see go through Legislation. Please call or e-mail Mr. Leyden if you would like us to look into presenting to Legislation. Committee Members will be Mr. Newman, Mr. DeBlois, Mr. Sutton,

8. OLD BUSINESS: None at this time

9. NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Leyden has asked on behalf of his Building Code Staff

that there are some contractors that are working without permits. The staff of the schedule or added fee to the permit for just State Jobs. Mr. Leyden stated that he would like to get a small Sub-Committee together to look at and put some wording together and bring it back to the full Board to vote on. Motion was made by Mr. Newman to research the idea of implementing a State Late Filing Fee. Seconded by Mr. Montanaro. Motion passed.

Next months meeting we need to discuss a location of our next meeting. Chairman Nash asked that we change the venue of Twin Oaks and recommend the Warf Tavern in Warren another place that was recommended was LaRosa in Cranston and Sienna in Smithfield.

A motion was made by Mr. DeBlois to go to LaRosa and seconded by Mr. Montanaro. Motion passed.

One last thing that Mr. Leyden would like to discuss is the table that the Structural Engineers Association came up with for Rhode Island. There have been a few phone calls to our office regarding this and having some issues regarding windows. Mr. Davey discussed the new wind maps in ASCE 710 which is what the new code references, is based on ultimate speed winds verses strength winds. All of the

values have gone up in number. When you figure out what the pressure is on the design pressure changes very little. It is relatively the same. The biggest question is people who are involved such as window manufacturers. There is no more importance factor, there use to be one wind speed that you would use for your calculations depending on the building. There is no more importance factor now instead there is three maps (Risk Category) Depending on where your risk category there is a map to refer too. Maps are very difficult to read in the code so the Structural Engineers came up with this table to make it easier to go in and read a number instead of trying to read the maps. A question was asked how the window companies handle this or are they going to change the way they test their windows. Mr. Davey stated that there are methods to go back to take wind speeds and recalculate. This is an International change not a Rhode Island change.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Leyden would like to thank Mr. Nash for being Chairman and all the hard work you have done in the last two years.

11. ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Building Code Standards Committee, a motion was made to adjourn by Mr. DeBlois, Mr. Scorpio and seconded by Mr. Montanaro. Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**John P. Leyden, CBO
Executive Secretary,**

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS:

Members Present: D. Aschman, B. Bernard, R. Brown, S. Caron, M. Daley, B. Davey, A. DeCorte, J. Fink, F. Montanaro, W. Nash, D. Newbrook, M. Newman, W. Pimental, G. Preiss, P. Scorpio, R. Stillings, C. Sutton

Staff Members Present: J. Enos, J. Leyden

Members Absent: T. Chabot, R. Collins, R. DeBlois, P. DePace, S. Turner

Staff Members Absent: T. Coffey